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REMINDER: U.S. 20-Thornton Interchange public meeting is Thursday

RIGBY - A public meeting will be held Thursday (**Sept. 19**) to receive input on the design of a new interchange on U.S. 20 at Thornton, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

The meeting will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at South Fork Elementary School (7163 South 2000 West, on the west side of the Archer Highway in south Madison County). The meeting is in an open-house format. Those interested in the project are encouraged to attend any time during the two-hour period.

The project will build a full interchange near 4700 South or Smith Road in Madison County, complementing the county's planned 5000 South project to improve traffic flow in south Madison County. The estimated construction cost of the new interchange is \$14 million. It will improve safety by closing all remaining at-grade (direct) accesses to U.S. 20 between Idaho Falls and Sugar City.

Construction is scheduled to begin in 2016.